

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X
KATRINA PEEPLES,

Plaintiff,

- v -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, et.al.

Defendants.
-----X

SCHEDULING ORDER

15 CV 6511 (JBW) (PK)

APPEARANCES:

Plaintiff: Ryan Lozar, Esq.

Defendants: Alexander Noble, Esq.

The above numbered matter having been referred to the undersigned for pretrial supervision and the preparation of the scheduling order required by Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and a scheduling conference having been held with the parties, the following schedule is hereby established:

1. FACTUAL DISCOVERY

- a) Initial disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(1) have been made.
- b) All document requests and interrogatories must be propounded by March 15, 2016.
- c) All discovery of factual matters is to be completed by August 9, 2016.
- d) The above deadlines will not be extended unless the party seeking the extension makes a compelling showing that discovery could not be completed because of unforeseeable circumstances beyond that party's control.

2. EXPERT DISCOVERY

- a) Any party that will seek to introduce expert testimony in its case-in-chief shall identify each expert by name and area of expertise no later than April 15, 2016. **Treating physicians and other providers of medical or psychotherapeutic services are considered experts under this order, regardless of the nature of their testimony, and therefore must be identified by the deadline if they will be called to testify.**

- b) All disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2) with respect to case-in-chief experts shall be provided by May 9, 2016. **(NB: treating physicians and other providers of medical or psychotherapeutic services need only make the disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2)(C) if their treatment was obtained without a referral from counsel and their testimony will be limited to their diagnoses and treatment of the plaintiff's injuries).**
- c) All disclosures required by Rule 26(a)(2) regarding experts who will be called solely to rebut expert testimony offered by other parties shall be provided by June 10, 2016.
- d) All expert discovery (including any expert depositions) is to be completed by August 9, 2016.

3. MOTIONS

- a) Motions to compel discovery or to resolve other non-dispositive pretrial disputes shall be made by letter in accordance with Local Civil Rule 37.3(c). No such motion will be entertained without a written certification that counsel have attempted to confer in good faith either by telephone or in person in an effort to resolve the dispute, as required by Local Civil Rule 37.3(a). **All such motions shall be made promptly after the dispute has arisen and no later than ten days after the expiration of the factual discovery deadline.**
- b) Motions to amend pleadings shall be filed by April 1, 2016.
- c) Defendants stated that they expect to file a motion for summary judgment. The briefing schedule for that motion shall be as follows:
 - (i) Defendants shall file their motion by September 9, 2016
 - (ii) Plaintiff shall oppose the motion by September 30, 2016
 - (iii) Defendants shall file reply papers by October 7, 2016

4. CONFERENCES AND OTHER MATTERS

- a) A status conference will be held by telephone on May 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. before Magistrate Judge Kuo. Plaintiff's counsel shall initiate the call, with Defendants' counsel on the line, by calling Chambers at (718) 613-2400.
- b) A final pretrial conference before the magistrate judge will be scheduled at the completion of discovery. A pretrial order, signed by counsel for all parties, shall be presented to the court at the conference. The pretrial order must comply with the requirements of the trial judge then assigned to the case.

- c) The pretrial order shall be prepared as follows: not later than 20 calendar days before the pretrial conference, the plaintiff(s) shall serve a working draft of the pretrial order on all parties; not later than 10 calendar days before the pretrial conference, all other parties shall serve working counter-drafts of the pretrial order on all parties; not later than 3 calendar days before the pretrial conference all parties shall meet and confer at the office of counsel for the defendant(s) to complete the final pretrial order.
- d) As meaningful settlement discussions will occur at the pretrial/settlement conference, clients or other persons with full settlement authority must attend in person or be available by telephone. In addition, not later than two weeks before the conference, the plaintiff(s) shall communicate a demand for settlement in writing to counsel for the defendant(s).

SO ORDERED:

Peggy Kuo

PEGGY KUO

United States Magistrate Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York
March 9, 2016